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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED] D/DCI/CT
FROM: [REDACTED]
Chairman, Human Resources Committee
SUBJECT: Human Resources Committee Views on Open Source
Collection (OSCOL)

1. (C) You will recall that at the 16 December meeting of the Human Resources Committee at which you briefed the Committee on your concepts of a national tasking organization, you invited the views of the Committee on the establishment of a separate component of your organization to deal with overt collection. I attach for your information a copy of the draft minutes of the HRC meeting which was held 18 January to develop views on this question.

2. (C) The minutes reflect, I believe, a constructive and interesting discussion by representatives of the various agencies. Committee members will review these draft minutes during the next few days, but I am forwarding them to you now for possible consideration in connection with your organizational plans for the National Collection Tasking Staff.

3. (C) The views of the Committee can be summarized as follows:

a. Committee representatives unanimously support an interagency effort to give emphasis to open source collection in the future National Tasking Organization, but opinions differ as to the scope of the collection problem.

b. Members prefer the creation of a subcommittee for Open Source Collection (OSCOL) under the Human Resources Committee to the creation of another major collection committee. Membership of this subcommittee would differ from that of the HRC.

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c. An early task of the OSCOL mechanism would be to develop an inventory of publications now being acquired by the various agencies or instrumentalities of the US Government of possible interest to the Intelligence Community. Member agencies would contribute to this effort.

d. Efforts to improve the contribution in other ways of non-intelligence community components of the USG to national intelligence are important and should continue. Action Program A (copy attached) of the National Human Resources Plan should move forward.

4. (U) I will provide you with the formal Committee recommendations after the members have completed reviewing the minutes.



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Attachments:

Draft minutes of HRC meeting 18 January
Action Program A

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